

NEWS LETTER # 7

Hi Fans,

First of all, a special message from Richard. He sends a heartfelt THANK YOU for all the cards and gifts you sent him for his birthday and for the time and effort that went in to some of the lovely things that he received. Mom and Dad Carpenter, too, appreciate your thoughtfulness and are quick to display your offerings to guests and visitors. One of the cutest gifts was some thumb print portraits drawn by a fan named Susie depicting Karen and Richard as children. In one, young Richard was shown eating while baby sister Karen sat on the floor using kettle covers as cymbals. Really cute. Thanks again, Susie and everyone for everything.

The European tour is over and Richard and Karen are glad to be back home in the good old USA. There is no place like it, they say.

They were treated nicely in the countries they visited, especially in England and France. For sight-seeing, they managed to visit the Eiffel Tower in Paris and take a boat ride on the scenic Amsterdam canals. They also saw THE WALL in Berlin and spoke of it as depressing and heartbreaking.

Their London bound 747 was forced to land in Goose Bay Newfoundland to discharge a sick passenger and after a 2½ hour delay they were again airborne. In London they did a TV special with Tom Jones and discovered what a "groovy" guy he really is. They enjoyed his company and loved working with him. A TV special in Berlin afforded them the opportunity to meet and work with Lulu and Herman of the Hermits. They enjoyed dinner at Lulu's home one evening and chalked up another friendship. Amsterdam's TV Special was strictly a CARPENTER special with full orchestra. No other guest stars. Royal Albert Hall in London was a sell out for their concert there. Their Aunt & Uncle, residents of London, were in the audience, brought to the hall in a limousine ordered by Richard and Karen. The change in water and time created difficulties. The water made them ill and the time difference caused trouble when they tried to sleep. There was also a language barrier in Paris, Berlin and Amsterdam. Neither Karen or Richard can speak French or German and their biggest difficulty was in ordering meals. In Paris they dined at the famous LaSaille's and in London they managed to visit both Anabeles and Burke's, both famous for good food. While in London, they managed also to squeeze in time for a bit of shopping and Karen found a beautiful blue suede pants & vest outfit and a tan suede coat with matching hat. Needless to say, she is very fond of suede clothes.

Enroute home from London they ran into head winds so had to land in Greenland to refuel. This delay was a lengthy 2 hours as they were eager to get home. Also enroute from London all their equipment managed to get lost so we all held our breath for a few days wondering if it would show up in time for the next tour. But it finally arrived, so last minute packing was accomplished by midnight of the 18th and we had them at the airport by 7:00 A.M. the next morning.

A last minute change in schedule has been announced and regretfully, too late for you fans to be advised in advance. They are scheduled now to do the Johnny Carson show again on November 5th. This time they will appear with only their bass player, Bob Messenger, as a Jazz Trio. They will do another Carol Burnett show but no date has been set for that at this time.

They have another overseas tour coming up in February. This time they will head in another direction and go to Australia. They will be there during the Australian summer, so hopefully, weather-wise, it will be better than this years February tour when they encountered 28 days of sleet, slush, rain, penetrating north winds, and BLIZZARDS. Homeward bound from Australia they will visit Japan and Hawaii again for concerts there. Their memories of their former Japanese and Hawaii visits are very pleasant.

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